

Remarks

Examiner Tu Minh Nguyen is thanked for the clarification regarding the informality in the specification. In particular, the specification has been amended to correct an informality on page 24 (rather than page 23). As a result, reconsideration of the objection to the specification is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 16, and 17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 3, 12, and 18 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its parent claims and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 12, and 18 are so rewritten. In addition, claims 4-9, 11, and 13-15 are amended to depend from one of claims 3, 12, and 18. Reconsideration of all claim rejections is therefore requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 9501-72542.

Respectfully submitted,



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